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 OF PRODUCING ON-DEMAND)
 SEMI-SOLID MATERIAL)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002, please enter the following amendment in the above-identified patent application. Accompanying this amendment response is a request for a three (3) month extension of time and the applicable fee for such an extension. The requested three month extension of time means that the deadline for response to the Office Action is **April 18, 2003**.

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